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MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARDS

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The Awards

The largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards were created to reward, retain and attract the highest quality K-12 educators to the profession. Each Milken Educator receives an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference in May 2006.

Key Statistics

- Up to 100 \$25,000 new Milken Educator Awards in 48 states and the District of Columbia
- Program established by the Milken Family Foundation in 1985; first Awards presented in 1987
- More than 2,100 Milken Educator Award recipients since inception
- Over \$54 million in Awards since inception

19th Annual National Notifications

During the 19th annual National Notifications, up to 100 exceptional teachers, principals and specialists – recommended without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each state's department of education – will be surprised by the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which can be used however they choose. Typically, these announcements are made during emotional, all-school assemblies throughout the country, attended by students, educators, local and state officials and media.

Milken Educator Network

The Milken Educator Network is a voluntary association of more than 2,100 Milken Educators and other exemplary educators and business leaders from across the country who are dedicated to improving teacher quality and utilizing research and expertise to shape education policy at state and local levels.

Milken Family Foundation

The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Santa Monica, California-based foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research.



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